

Application No.: 09/955,357

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 13-33, and 37-45 have been cancelled. Claims 10-12, 34-36 and 48-48 remain pending in the application.

Applicants assert that no new matter is presented by these amendments and respectfully request entry of the same.

Duplicative claims.

Claims 13-24 and 25-37 have been provisionally objected as substantially duplicative of each other. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in order to expedite the issuance of the allowable claims, Applicants hereby have amended the claims and therefore withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-9, 13-21, 25-33 and 37-45 are rejected as allegedly being anticipated by Chee (6,368,799). Claim 1-5, 13-17, 24-29 and 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Fan et al (USP 6,525,185). Claims 1-5, 13-17, 24-29 and 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Fan et al (US 2003/0170699 A1). Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in order to expedite the issuance of the allowable claims, Applicant has amended claims 10, 34 and 36 and they have been rewritten in independent form and Claims 1-9, 13-33 and 37-45 have been cancelled. These claims have been cancelled to expedite the issuance of allowable claims and not for patentability related issues. Applicant asserts that no new matter has been added with these amendments and therefore withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Applicants believe all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 731-5000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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